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Ex parte PAUL A. BURGIO,
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Appeal No. 2010-002957
Application 10/626,142
Technology Center 1600

Mailed: February 18, 2010

Before MERRELL C. CASHION JR., *Resource Administrator*.

ORDER REMANDING THE CASE TO REOPEN PROSECUTION

On September 8, 2008, Appellants filed a Notice of Appeal. On September 15, 2009, the Examiner mailed an Examiner's Answer including a new ground of rejection and giving Appellants the option to either (1) Reopen prosecution or (2) Maintain appeal. On November 13, 2009, Appellants filed a communication electing to reopen prosecution before the Examiner.

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Accordingly, the appeal in this application is remanded to the Examiner to reopen prosecution and for further action as appropriate.

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